

Anne Arundel-780
Wilson Memorial ME Church (Site)
Rt.3
Gambrills, MD 21054

1900, 1954

Access: Public

Wilson Memorial ME Church is an example of the determination of a small black congregation to survive. This church was originally a mission of Mt. Tabor ME Church. Mt. Tabor's congregation dates from 1848. Wilson's congregation was formed at the turn of the century. They met in a black school that was located behind the present location. They were forced to abandon that site and meet in Thomas Dawson's store in the 1940's. They finally built the present church in 1954. Although, this church is too recent to be included on this survey, I believe it's existence is a testament to the small black community that has nurtured it for 81 years.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Wilson Memorial ME Church (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 3

CITY, TOWN

Gambrills

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Trustees, Wilson Memorial ME Church

Telephone #: 721-1482

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Gambrills

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD, 21054

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel Co. Court House

Liber #: JHH 407

Folio #: 429

STREET & NUMBER

Church Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☒ MOVED DATE 1900

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church was built in 1954. It is constructed of stucco. It is 60' from Rt.3 (301), 1 mile north of Rt.424. It is located on the east side of the road and faces south. Pictures are included.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1900-1954

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wilson ME Church is an example of the persistence of a small black congregation to survive. This church was originally a mission of Mt. Tabor ME Church. Mt. Tabor's congregation dates from 1848. Wilson's congregation was formed at the turn of this century. They met in a black school that was located behind the present site, about 300' from the road. This congregation later abandoned that location and met in Thomas Dawson's Store in Gambrills in the 1940's. They finally built the present church in 1954. Although this church is in fact too recent to be included on this survey, I believe its existence is a testament to a small black community that built a religious institution over a half century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION Maryland Commission on Afro-American
History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

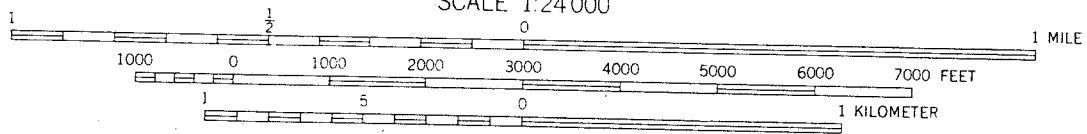
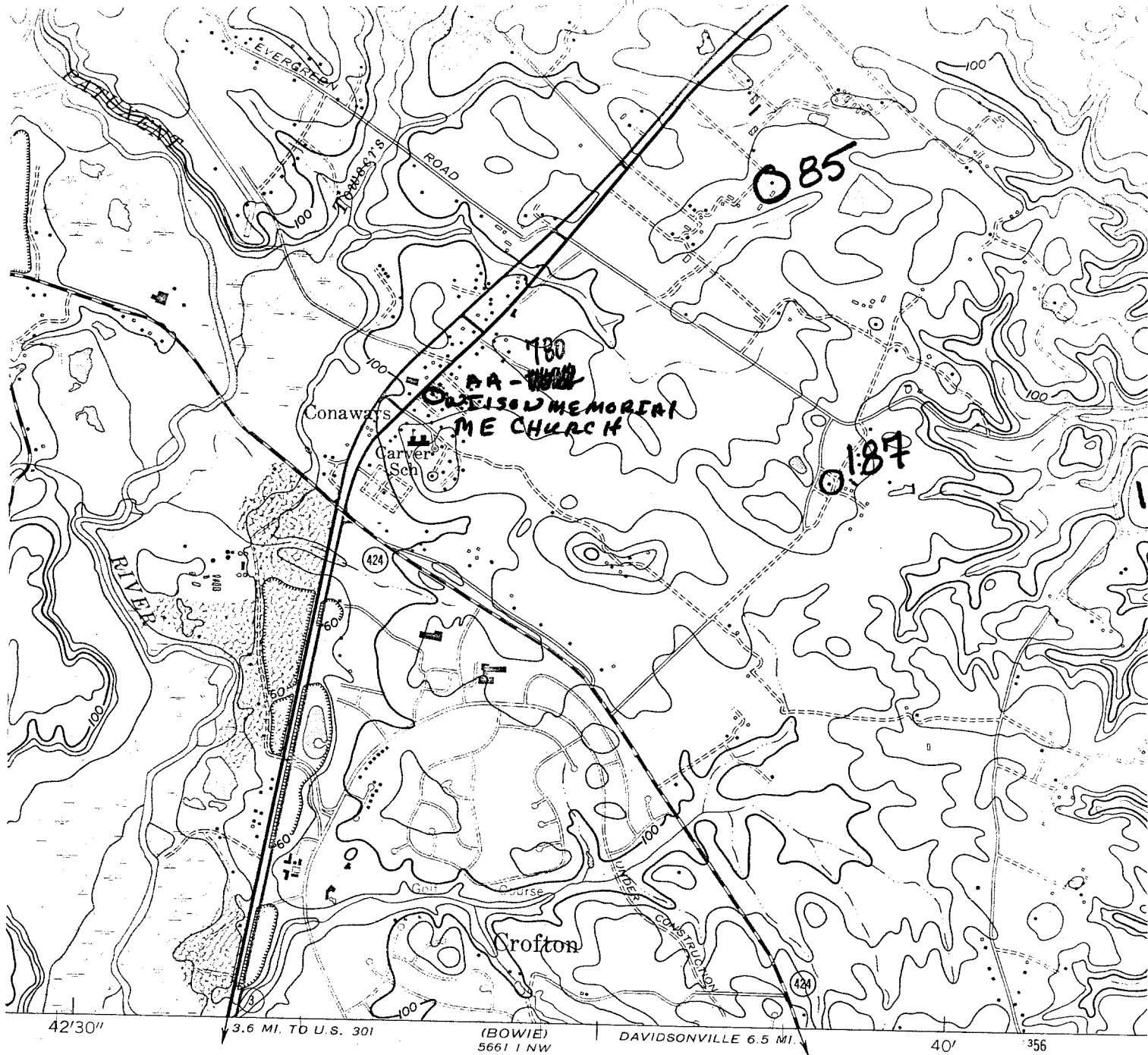
STATE

Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

NORTH
ARROW

MARYLAND

QUADRANGLE

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West Elevation
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Wilson Memorial Methodist Episcopal AA-786
Gambrills, Anne Arundel County, MD
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Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
South elevation
3/81